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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/441,722, filed October 1, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT/JP98/01511 filed April 1, 1998, and claims priority from Japanese Application No. 9/99653 filed April 1, 1997. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9-27.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, and 28-40 are now pending in this application, claims 9-27 having been cancelled with the above amendment. No new matter has been added. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Version with markings to show changes made

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